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This "interlibrary reference" card would, first, enable the patron to find the other library (especially important for out-of-town users). Secondly, it would simplify the task of the second librarian, and prevent duplicated effort (of course the usual telephone grapevine would play its part too). Third, it would serve to some extent as introduction for the patron, especially when checked to indicate that the person was a registered borrower of, for instance, the public library. It might also cut down the number of college students, for instance, who go to another library without first making all possible use of their own - for without the interlibrary reference card OK'd by their own library, they might be denied assistance at another busy desk!

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Circulation of Phonograph Records
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5 discs at a time, or complete album if it contains more than five records.

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Records are loaned in good condition and inspected on return. If record is lost or damaged it must be paid for or replaced.

Suggestions for use: Carry records carefully; hold album upright so that records can't slide out. (Library might provide burlap bag for carrying, with name of library stamped on the outside.)

Use a good needle - if not a permanent one, change it frequently.

Pick-up arm should not be dropped on records, nor the machine started with pick-up arm in place. Do not leave records on turntable, in warm place or within reach of small children. Cracks and breakage are sure to result.